

SOTOYAMA et al  
Appl. No. 10/018,793  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Further consideration of this application is requested.

In the Official Action claims 8 and 12 are allowed while claims 7 and 11 are rejected.

Claims 7 and 11 have been canceled thereby leaving only allowed claims 8 and 12 in the application. A Notice of Allowance is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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